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SUBJ: SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRY 'UNEASY' OVER PRC MOVES IN MARKET  
SOURCE: SEOUL YONHAP IN ENGLISH 0101 GMT 25 NOV 92  
TEXT:

(TEXT) SEOUL, NOV. 25 (YONHAP) -- SOUTH KOREAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURERS ARE UNEASY AT CHINA'S MOVES TO BUY LARGE AMOUNTS OF

SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES OVER THE NEXT TWO TO THREE YEARS.

INDUSTRY SOURCES SAID THAT CHINA'S PLAN TO PURCHASE 2 BILLION U.S. DOLLARS OF SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT WAS CONFIRMED AT THE INTERNATIONAL SEMICONDUCTOR CONFERENCE IN AUSTIN, TEXAS, LAST WEEK.

CHINA SENT THREE BUYING TEAMS TO AMERICA IN EARLY NOVEMBER AND IT IS UNKNOWN IF THEY SIGNED CONTRACTS.

EVEN THOUGH CHINA LAGS 10 YEARS BEHIND KOREA IN SEMICONDUCTOR TECHNOLOGY, IT HAS HIGHLY DEVELOPED BASIC SCIENCE AND RECORDED HIGH ECONOMIC GROWTH IN RECENT YEARS. CHINA COULD BE A MAJOR SEMICONDUCTOR EXPORTING COUNTRY WITHIN A DECADE, THE SOURCES SAID. CHINA HAS A HUGE TRADE SURPLUS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND ENOUGH MONEY TO SHOP FOR THE BEST TECHNOLOGY. IF CHINA MAKES SEMICONDUCTOR PRODUCTS WITH THE IMPORTED EQUIPMENT, THE KOREAN SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRY WILL BE THREATENED, THEY SAID.  
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